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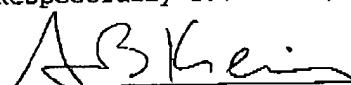
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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2001 for one(1) month(s) from October 16, 2001 to November 16, 2001. An Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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